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## EXECUTIVE ORDER OF THE MAYOR OF THE CITY OF JERSEY CITY

WHEREAS, the Coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19) is a contagious respiratory disease caused by SARS-CoV-2 and is, at times, fatal; and

WHEREAS, on January 30, 2020, the International Health Regulations Emergency Committee of the World Health Organization declared the outbreak of COVID-19 a Public Health Emergency of International Concern; and

WHEREAS, on January 31, 2020, the United States Department of Health and Human Services declared the outbreak of COVID-19 Public Health Emergency for the United States to aid in the nation's healthcare community in responding to COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, on March 9, 2020, the Governor of the State of New Jersey declared a Public Health Emergency and State of Emergency exist in the State of New Jersey due to the spread of COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, on March 11, 2020, World Health Organization characterized COVID-19 as a pandemic; and

WHEREAS, as of March 11, 2020, there were twenty-three presumed positive cases of COVID-19 across New Jersey, with additional "Persons Under Investigation" spread across numerous counties; and

WHEREAS, on March 10, 2020, the State of New Jersey announced the first COVID-19 related death in the State of New Jersey; and

WHEREAS, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention expects that continued person-to-person spread of COVID-19 is likely to occur; and

WHEREAS, if the spread of COVID-19 continues in New Jersey at a rate compared to the rate of spread in other affected areas, it will greatly strain the resources and capabilities of county and municipal governments, including public health agencies providing essential services for containing and mitigating the spread of contagious diseases, such as COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, the Jersey City Department of Health and Human Services is continuously working in close collaboration with the New Jersey Department of Health, CDC, and local public health partners to closely monitor individuals living in Jersey City who may be at risk of contracting the illness and/or who may have traveled from or through regions where known outbreaks have occurred; and

WHEREAS, the City of Jersey City has set up a 24-hour hotline for individuals to call if they suspect they have been exposed to COVID-19. The number for the 24-hour hotline is 201-547-5208; and

WHEREAS, the City of Jersey City is taking all necessary steps to avoid or minimize any outbreak of COVID-19 within the City; and

**NOW THEREFORE**, pursuant to the authority vested in me by law as Mayor of the City of Jersey City, I hereby issue this Executive Order:

- 1. All regularly scheduled public meetings held by the City of Jersey City (hereinafter the "City") including, but not limited to, meetings of the City Council and the various governing boards, are hereby cancelled until further notice.
- 2. All other City-sponsored events are cancelled until further notice.
- 3. All private events held on City property and all events requiring City permits are cancelled until further notice. This shall include those events in which a City permit has already been granted.
- All City offices, buildings and departments shall remain open to the public, during normal business hours, by appointment only, until further notice.
- 5. Places of public accommodation including, but not limited to, places of business, restaurants, bars, schools/educational facilities, private recreational facilities, performance and special event venues, places of worship, and all other establishments designated for gathering members of the public with allowable capacity of greater than twenty-five (25) persons, shall maintain a record of all individuals entering the establishment (e.g. by sign-in sheet) including name and current contact information. This information shall be used solely for the purpose of preventing the spread of COVID-19 by providing means of notification of potential exposure to COVID-19, if necessary.
- 6. The functions of the Jersey City Municipal Court shall continue as normal pending further instruction from the Superior Court of New Jersey - Hudson Vicinage Assignment Judge, the Chief Judge of the Jersey City Municipal Court or the Administrative Office of the Courts.
- 7. This Executive Order shall be effective immediately and shall remain in effect until rescinded by the Mayor.

If any provision of this Executive Order, or the application of any such provision to any person or circumstances, shall be held invalid or unenforceable for any reason, the remainder of this Executive Order to the extent it can be given effect, or the application of such provision to persons or circumstances other than those to which it is held invalid or unenforceable shall not be affected thereby, and to this extent the provision of this Executive Order are severable.

The Executive Order shall be kept on file in the Offices of the City Clerk and Business

Administrator. It will be made available to the public upon request.

STEVEN M. FULØP

MAYOR

March 12, 2020